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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2010 Approved December 6, 2010

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 22, 2010.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman (arriving at 5:47 pm)
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Chris Lawless, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public present: Merle Dustin, Janet Krzyzaniak, Chuck Gangel, Dijit Taylor, Mark Zankel, Ken Wilkens, Natalie Duval

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board approved the following:

Vendor Disbursement and Payroll Manifests
Building/Use Permit
For Review – Selectmen's Notes and Correspondence
For Signature –

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of November 15, 2010. Selectman Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Congoran, Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 15, 2010, Session I. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; O'Brien and Congoran abstaining.

Motion passes 2-0-2.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 15, 2010, Session II. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor
of the motion; O'Brien and Congoran abstaining.
Motion passes 2-0-2.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 15, 2010, Session III. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor
of the motion; O'Brien and Congoran abstaining.
Motion passes 2-0-2.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 15, 2010, Session IV. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor
of the motion; O'Brien and Congoran abstaining.
Motion passes 2-0-2.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Natalie Duval was in to have the Board sign off on Round V of the grant for Safe Routes to Schools. This grant is to further the sidewalk to Kearsarge Ave. She would like Chairman O'Brien to sign the letter of support and she is looking for a commitment on behalf of the Town's Highway Department to manage the project as it has done previously. The grant will allow for the extension of the sidewalk that is currently there. Selectmen O'Brien inquired if Herm Blanchette was on board with the project. Mr. Cass stated yes. A discussion ensued with regards to changing the entrance of Kearsarge and Spring Street. Mr. Cass stated Mr. Blanchette is in favor of the change also.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to approve the letter of Support for Round V of the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Congoran, Langwasser,
Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor of motion;
no votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

With regards to the Cedar Street sign, Ms. Duval indicated the committee for Safe Routes for Schools would like to see the sign reinstalled. The sign was wooden and had deteriorated over time and was taken down. Chuck Gangel noted he was in favor of having the sign replaced. It should state Closed to thru traffic 7:30 to 8:30 am and 2:00 to 2:30 pm. Ken Wilkens feels the sign is not necessary and was not at the beginning of the street so that most people were unaware of Cedar Street being closed to thru traffic

until they were half way up the street. Ms. Duval noted if the sign it up, the police should be enforcing it. There should be a sign at both ends of Cedar Street.

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to reinstall a sign at both ends of Cedar Street, stating "Closed to thru Traffic 7:30 am to 8:30 am and 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm." Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Congoran, Langwasser,
Lawless and Pellerin voting in favor of motion;
no votes against. Motion passes 4-0

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin read a statement with regard to the Bandstand and the surrounding lawn area. She also handed the Board a petition with regards to the bandstand with 37 signatures. A discussion ensued with regards to the lawn area and the bandstand. Selectmen Langwasser indicated Selectmen O'Brien, Mr. Cass, Justin LaVigne and Greg Roberts have all looked at the area and have determined there is nothing that can be done at this time.

Janet Krzyzaniak stated she does not believe that petitions should be in town buildings. She would like the Board to vote on whether having petitions in Town buildings is appropriate. Mrs. Krzyzaniak thinks it is inappropriate for someone to bring a petition around during senior luncheon. It makes people feel uncomfortable. Mrs. Krzyzaniak also requested a non public session with the Board at the end of the meeting.

There being no further comments, Chairmen O'Brien closed the public forum.

With regards to Mrs. Krzyzaniak comments on petitions within town buildings, a board discussion ensued. It was noted that some offices are not under the same control. Selectmen Langwasser stated citizens have a right to petition, but making people feel pressured to sign it is wrong. No decision was made; however, the Board would like to discuss it in the future.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cass updated the Board on Dockham. It was noted one of the complex owners wanted to comply with the Pay by Bag ordinance; however, the renters did not want to comply.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted the Fire Department made a presentation at the Planning Board meeting. There are concerns about the space at the Fire Department. Selectmen Congoran and Selectmen Lawless would like to have a committee forms to look at all the options not just an addition. The Board would like to have Fire Chief Schaefer invited to a future meeting to discuss it.

VII. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Dijit Taylor and Mark Zankel are in to request a variance for a sign for the Bohanan Farm. It was noted the sign at the entrances to the Senior Center and Library is 6 x 8. Discussion ensued with regards to the ordinance. Mr. Zankel stated the sign maker was the one who determined the size of the sign. Ms. Taylor reminded the Board the sign comes at no cost to the Town. Selectmen Congoran made a motion to accept the original design of the sign for the entrance to Bohanan Farm. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion and asked if the date of the vote could be included on the sign.

VOTE: O'Brien, Congoran, Langwasser,

and Pellerin voting in favor of motion; Lawless voting against. Motion passes 4-1.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion ensued with regards to links from our website to others. It was the consensus of the Board that if it doesn't directly relate to the Town we should not put it on. We have to be careful about what we put on or the requests could become overwhelming.

Mr. Cass gave the Board a 1st rough draft of the Warrant. A discussion ensued with regards as to how to present the budget. It was noted that some articles are housekeeping articles and should be explained as such. A discussion ensued with regards to using the capital reserve account for vehicle replacement. Mr. Cass stated it is allowed as long as the articles states that.

A discussion ensued with regards to the recent Budget Committee meeting.

The Board noted a letter from Danny Coen. Mr. Cass will be responding to the letter.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-A:3 II (a)personnel. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: O'Brien: yes; Congoran: yes;
Langwasser: yes; Lawless: yes; Pellerin: yes.

The Board announced there would be no further business conducted after the non public session. The Board entered non public session at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant